

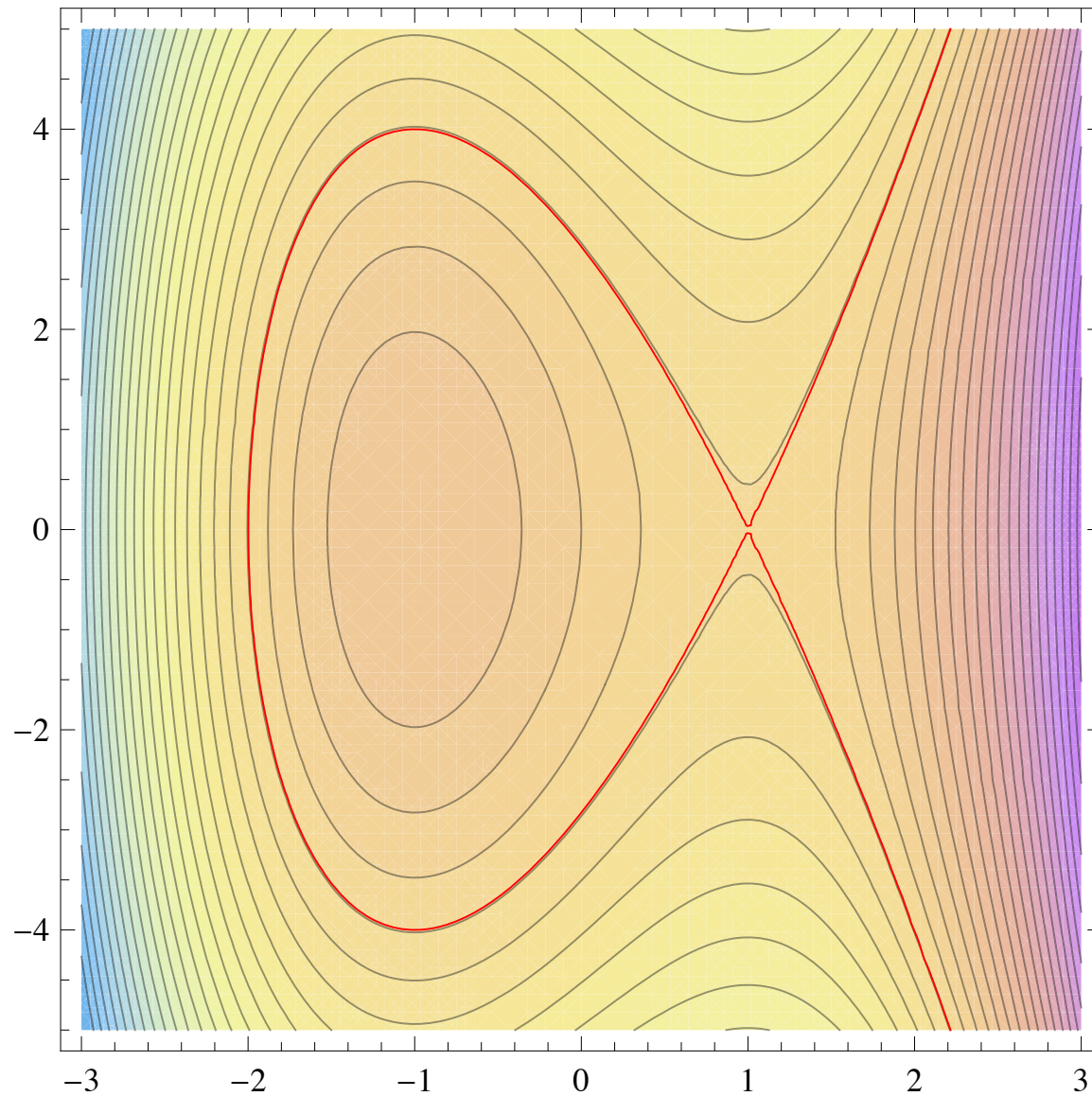
# Elliptic-difference-type Painlevé equations

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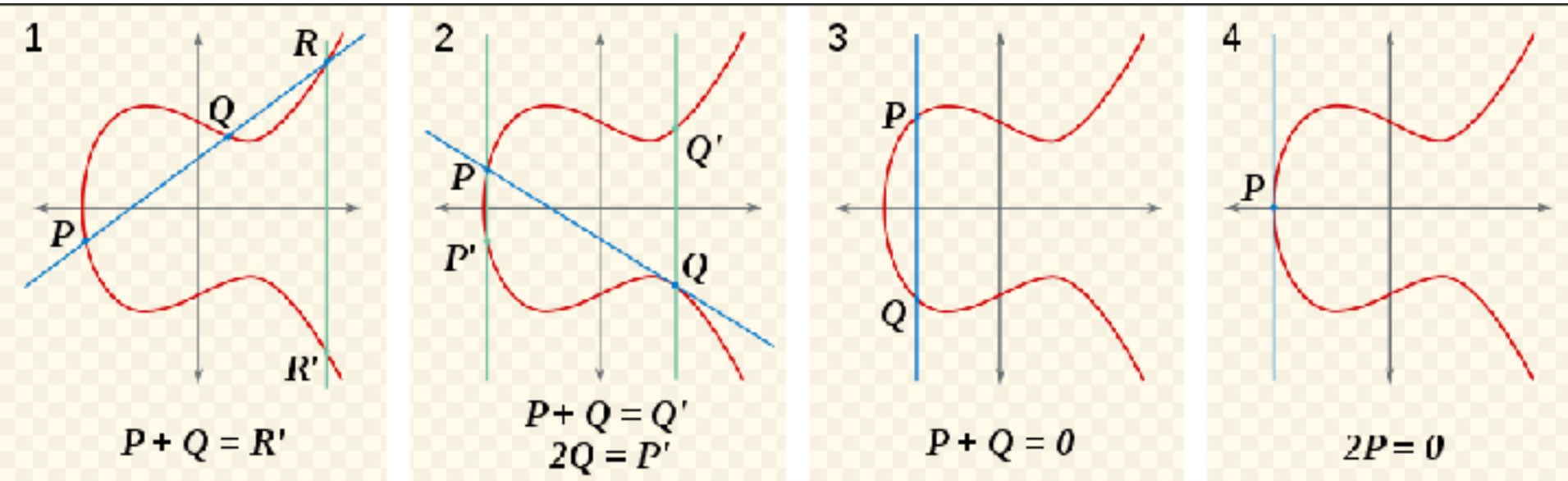




A pencil of Weierstrass cubic curves:  $y^2 = 4x^3 - g_2x - g_3$

# Iterations on elliptic curves

Addition theorems give iterations on elliptic curves.



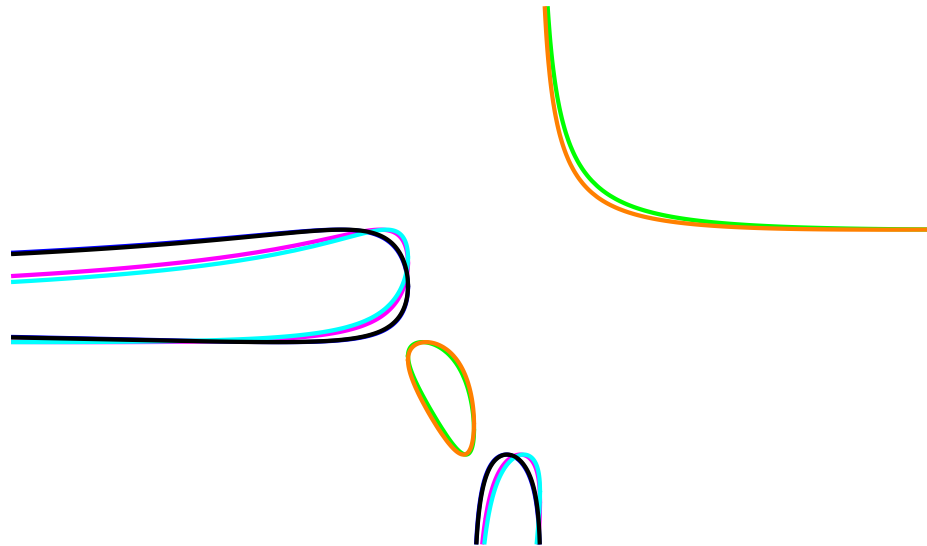
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But such iterations occur on a single, fixed curve.

Discrete Painlevé equations iterate *between* elliptic curves.

Consider iterations from one curve to another.

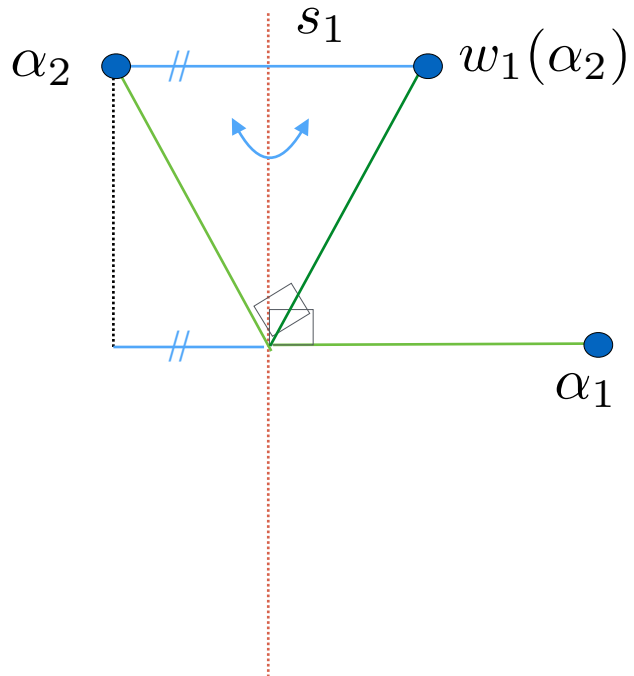
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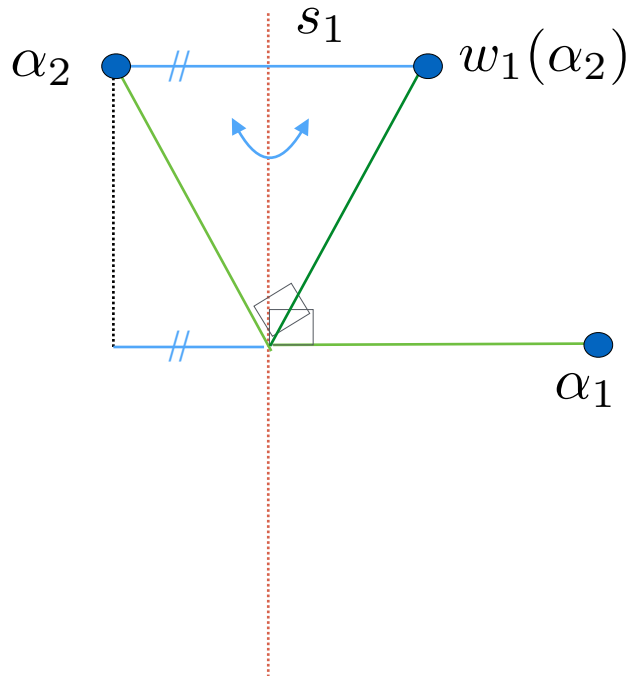
*For lemniscatic case.*

To characterise all of these, we need reflection groups.

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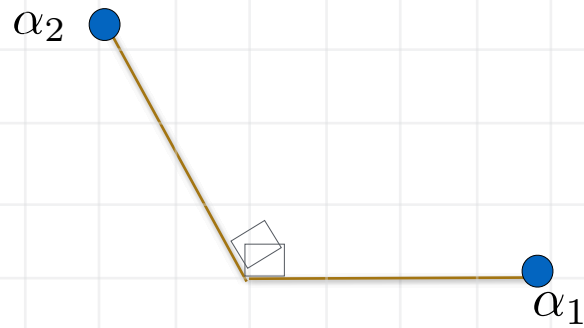


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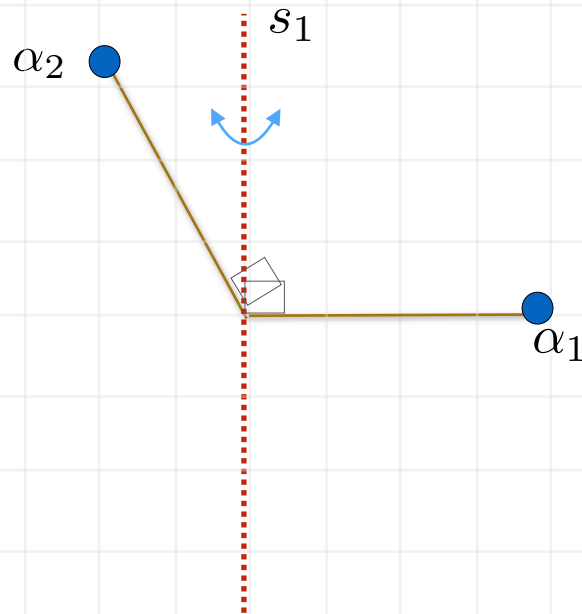
$$\begin{aligned} w_1(\alpha_2) &= \alpha_2 - 2 \frac{(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)}{(\alpha_1, \alpha_1)} \alpha_1 \\ &= (-1, \sqrt{3}) + (2, 0) \\ &= (1, \sqrt{3}) \end{aligned}$$

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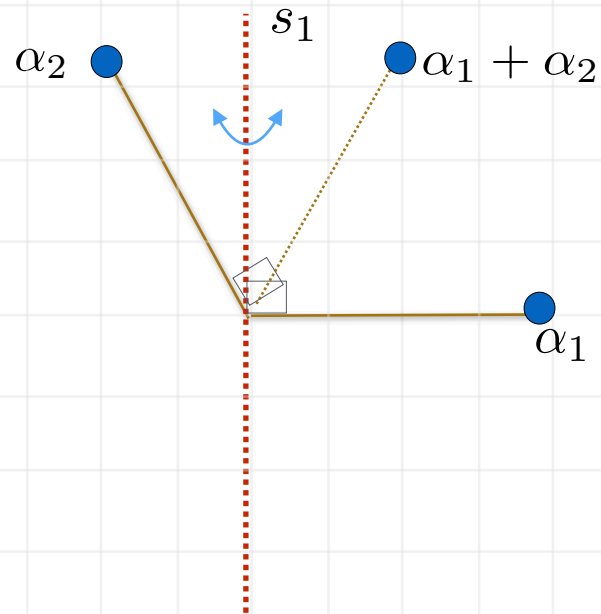
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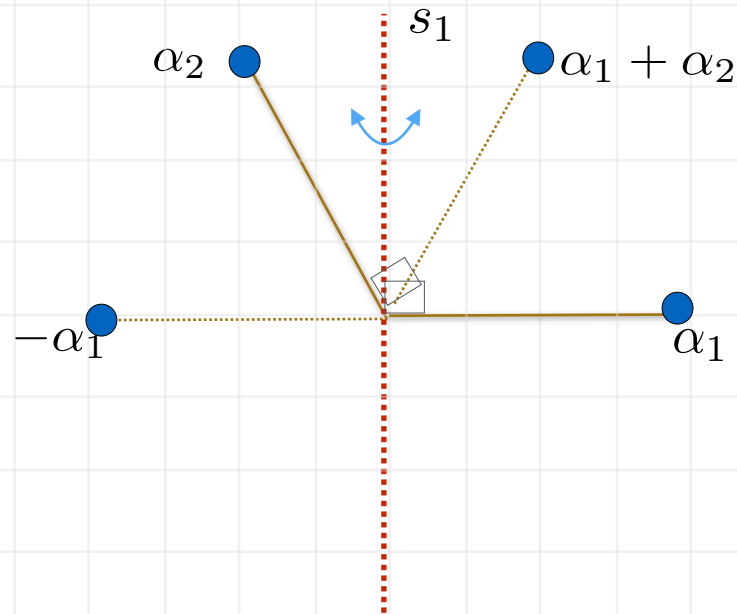
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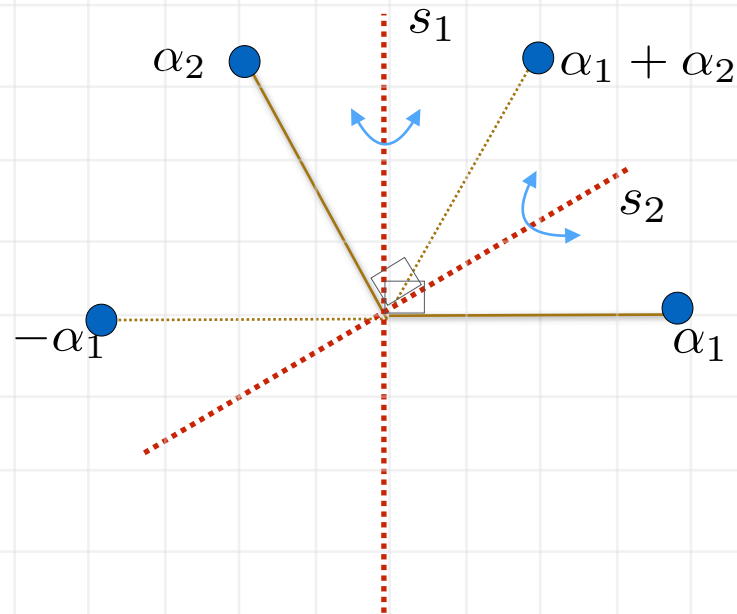
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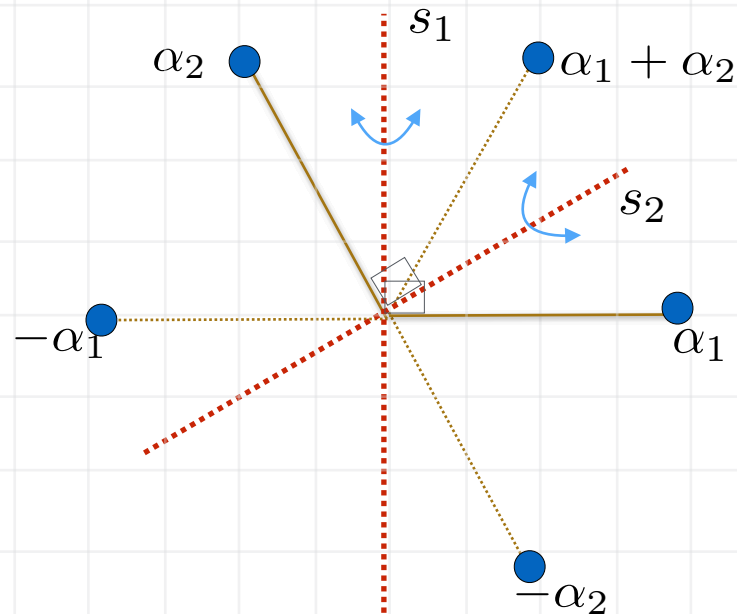
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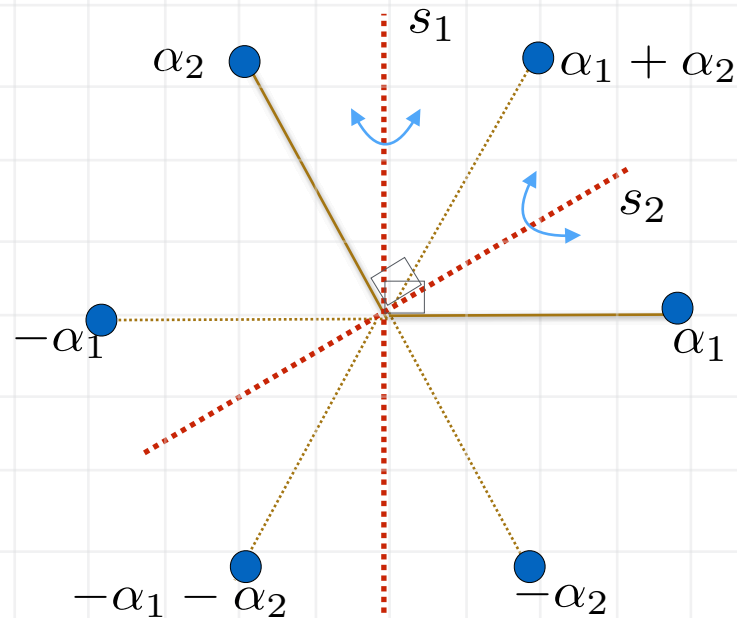
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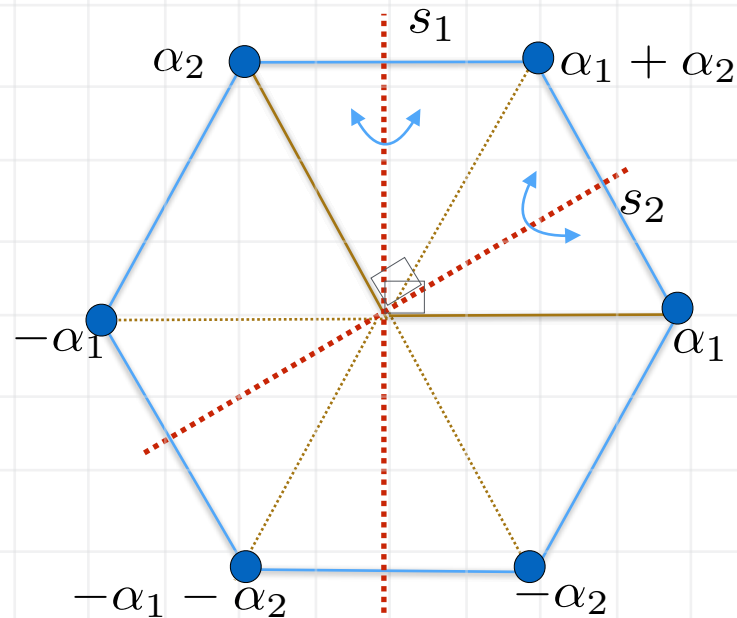
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↪ Reflections:

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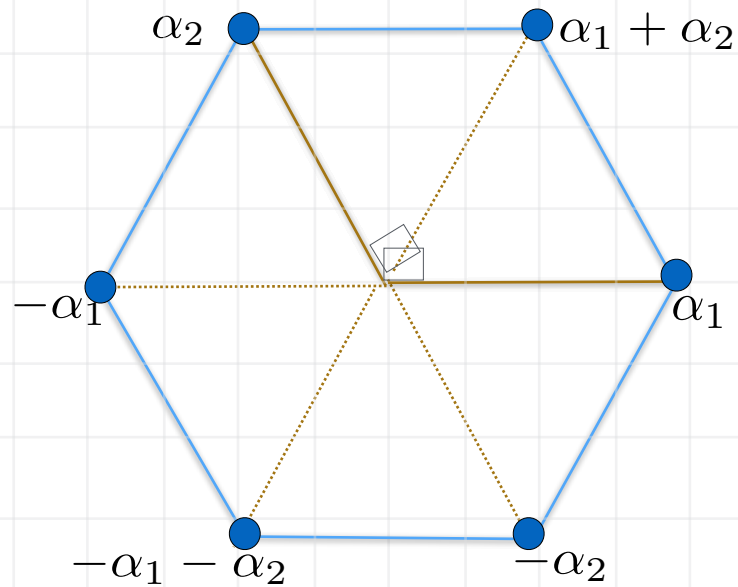
↪ Co-roots:

$$\alpha_i^\vee = \frac{2\alpha_i}{(\alpha_i, \alpha_i)}$$

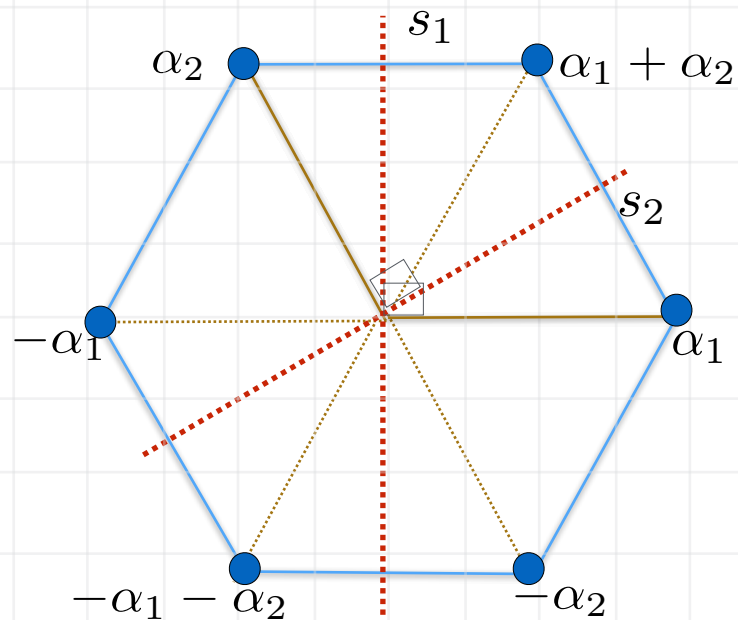
↪ Weights:

$$h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n$$
$$(h_i, \alpha_j^\vee) = \delta_{ij}$$

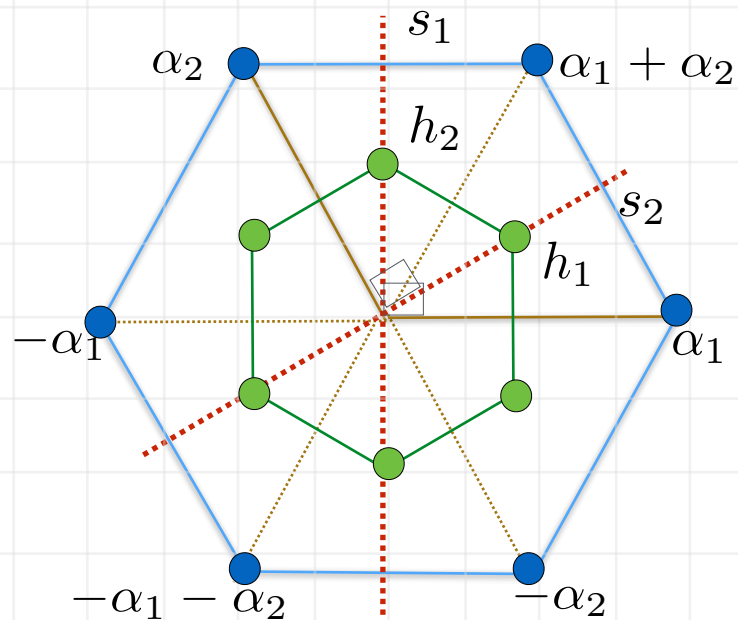
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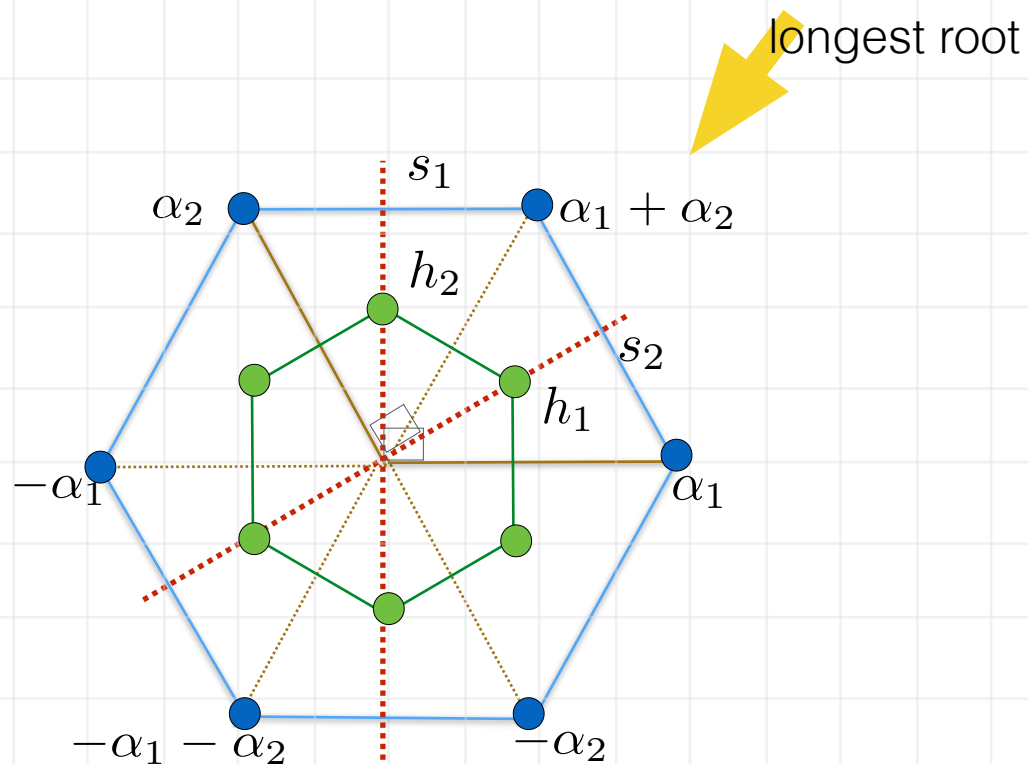
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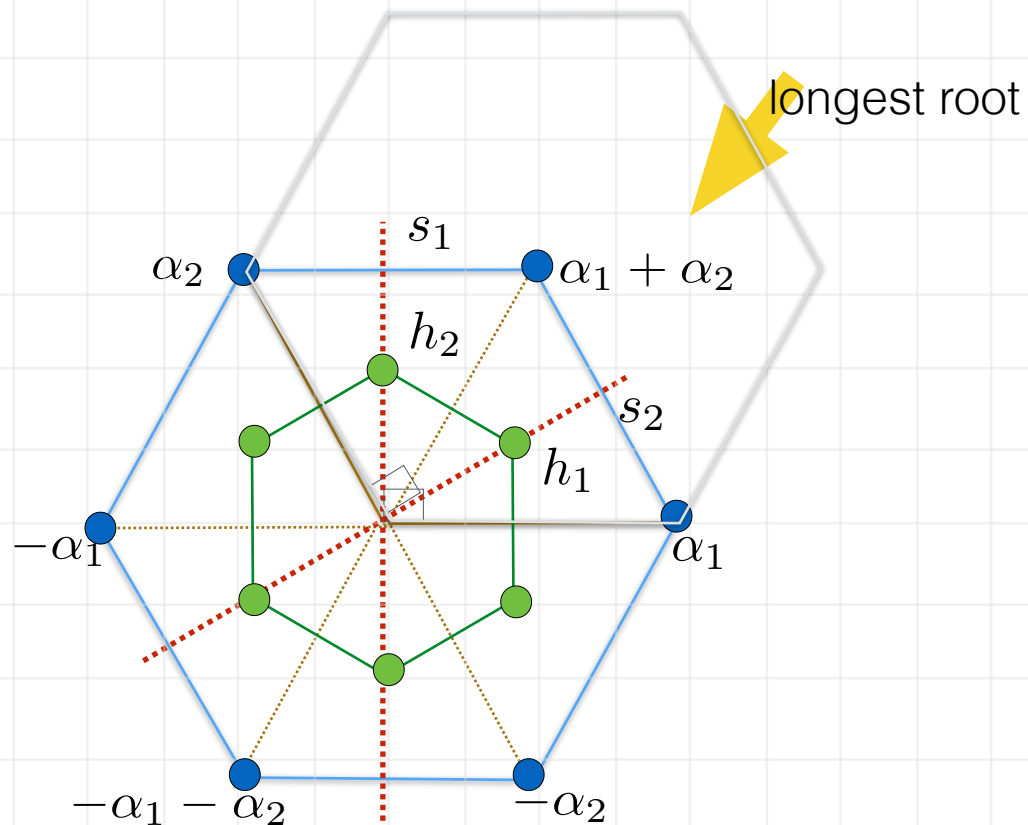
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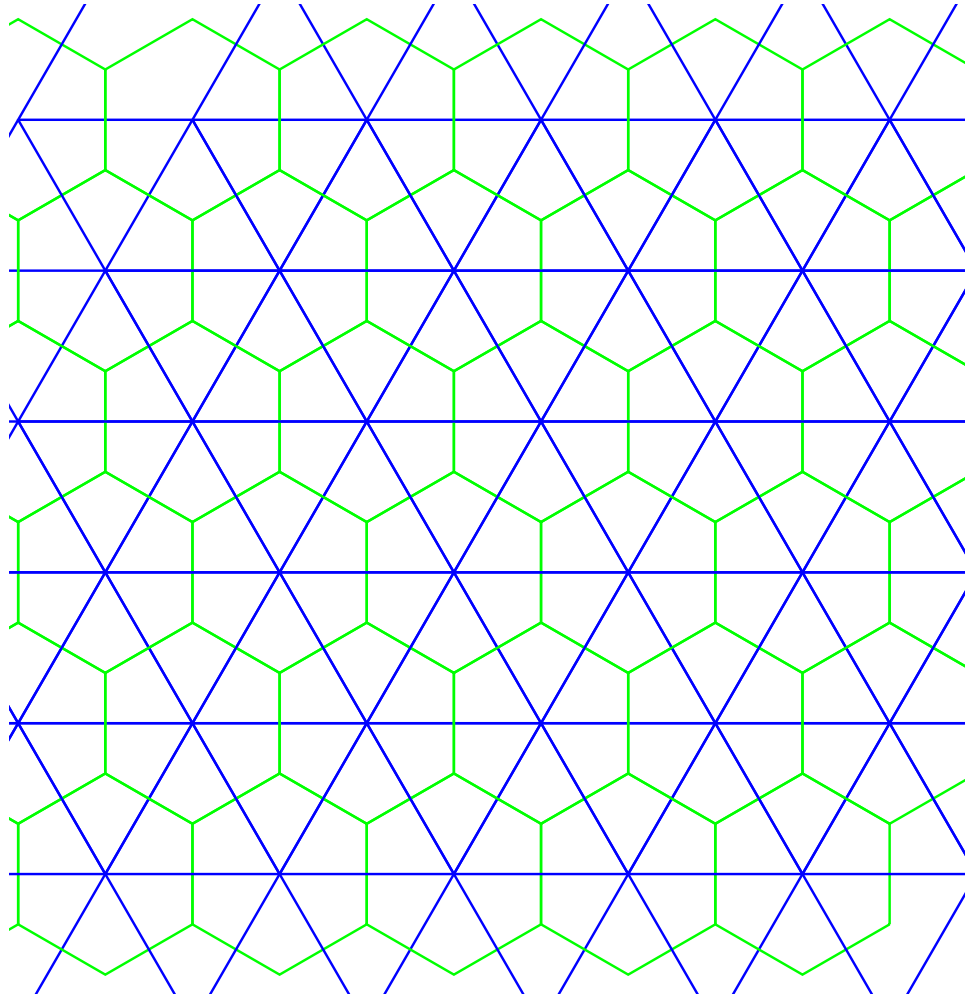


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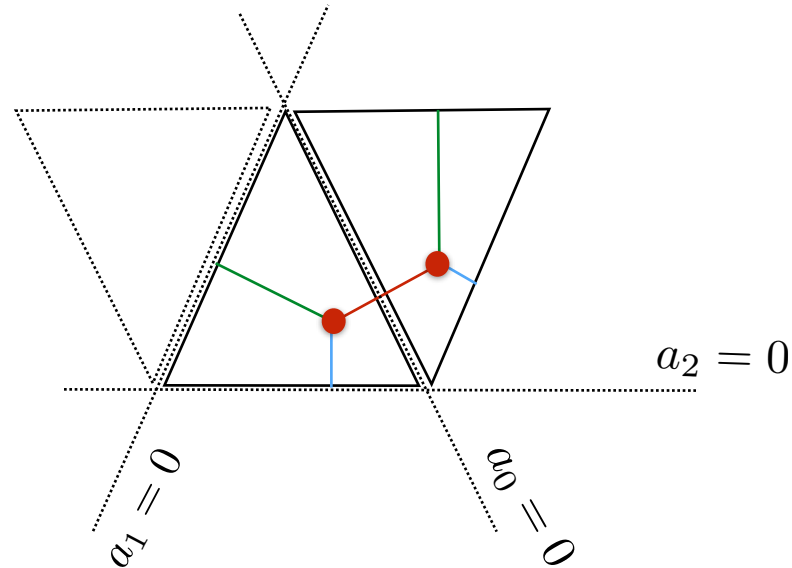
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$A_2^{(1)}$



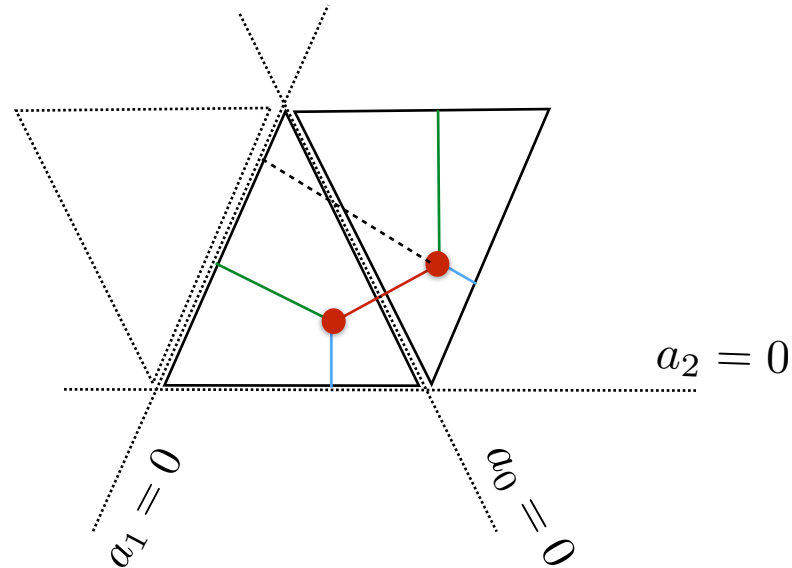
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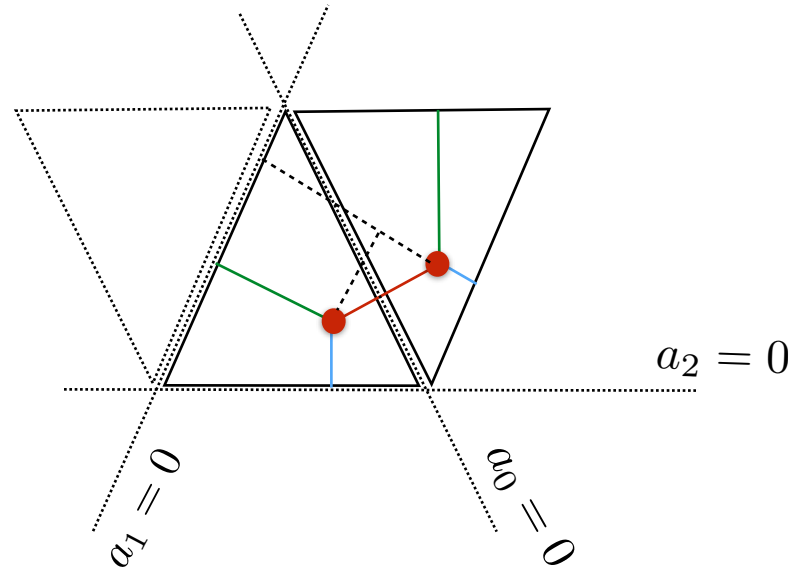
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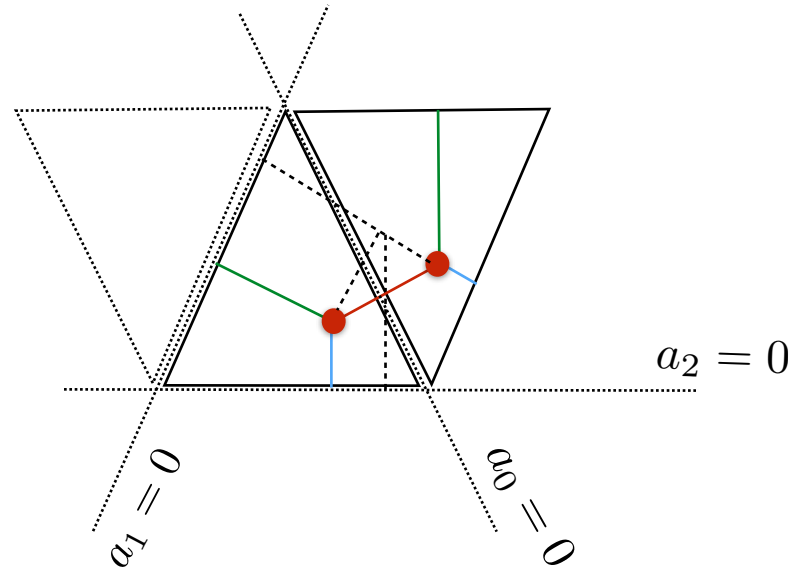
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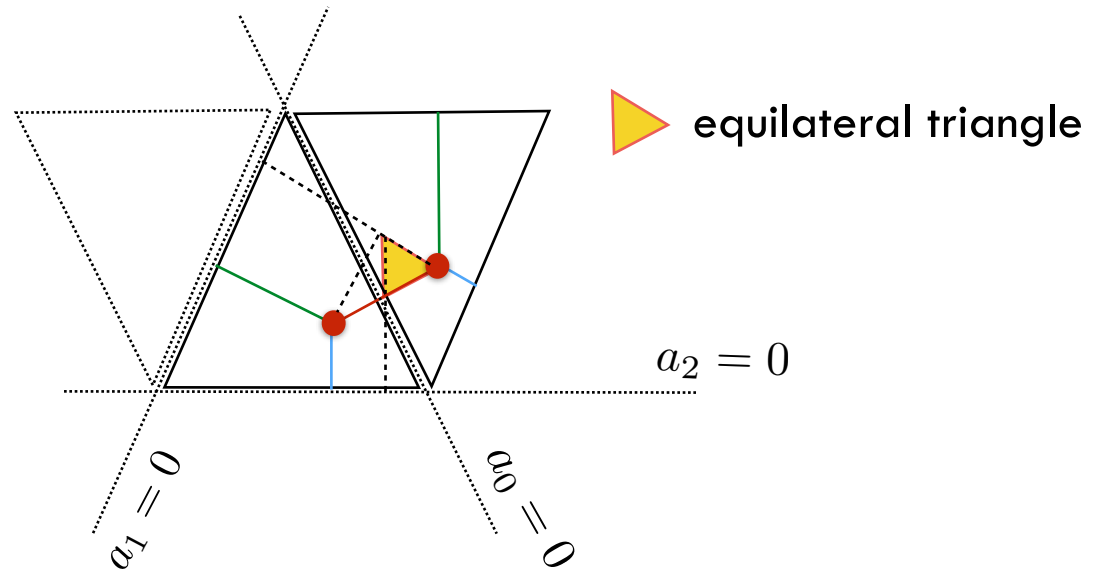
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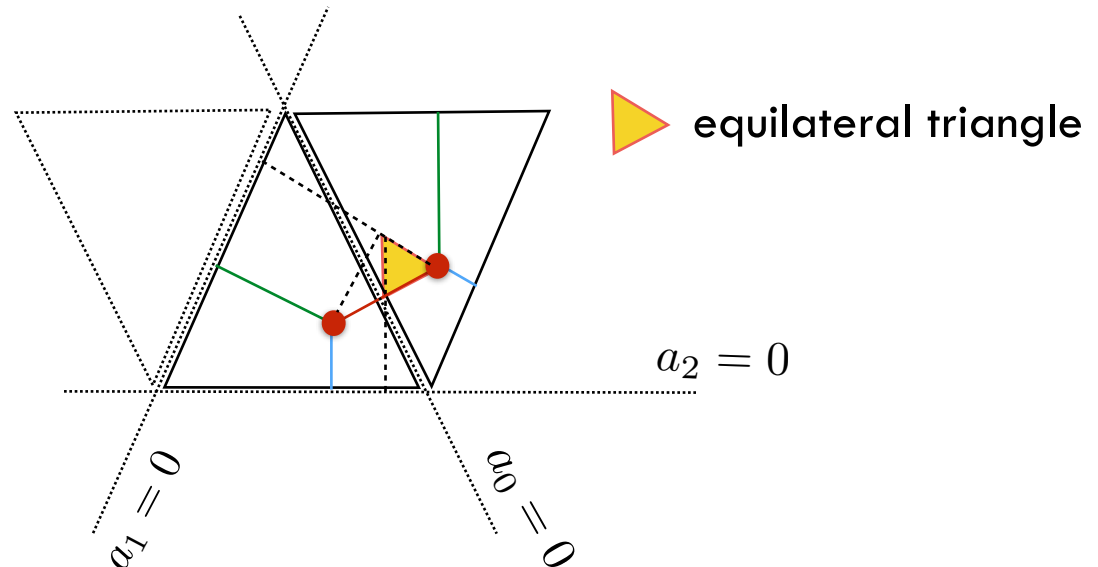
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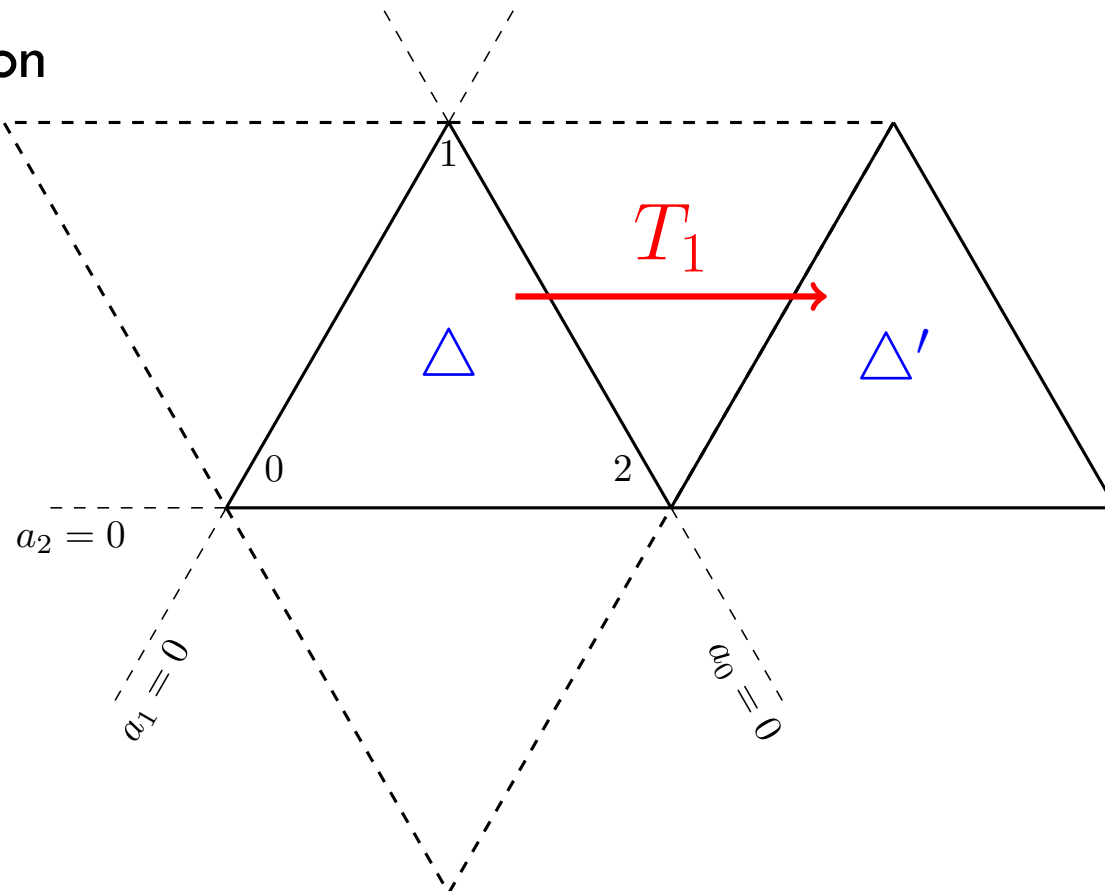
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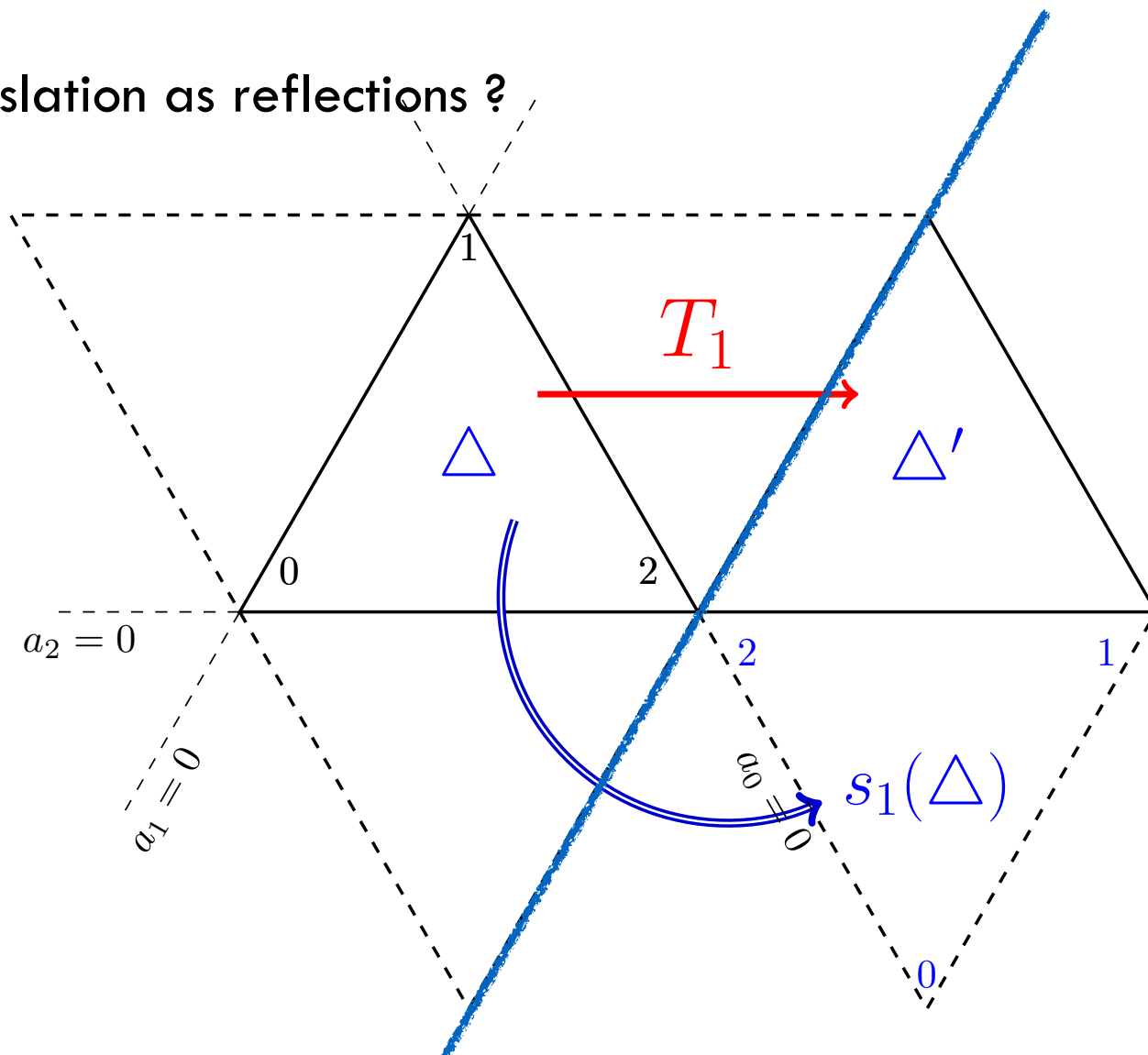
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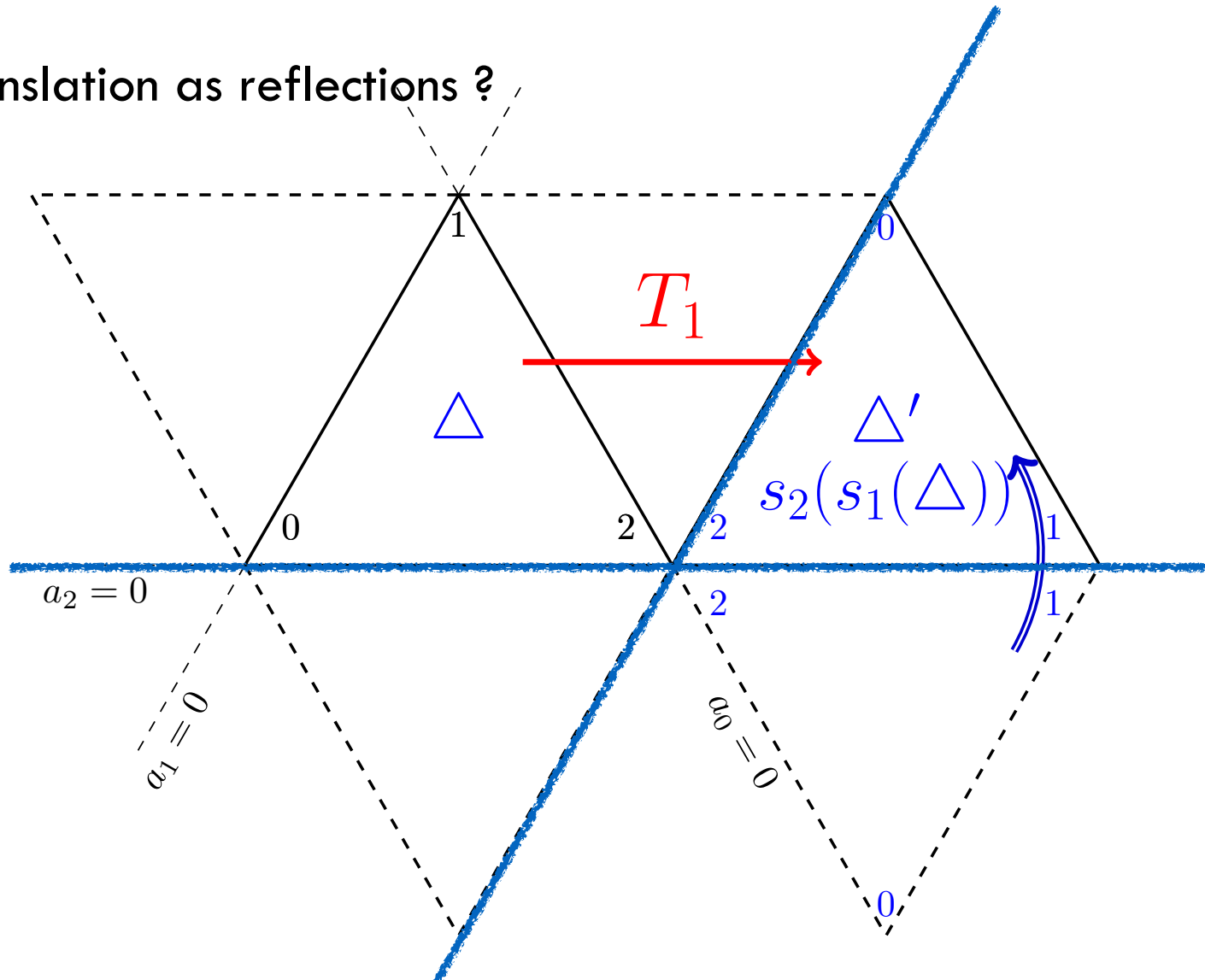
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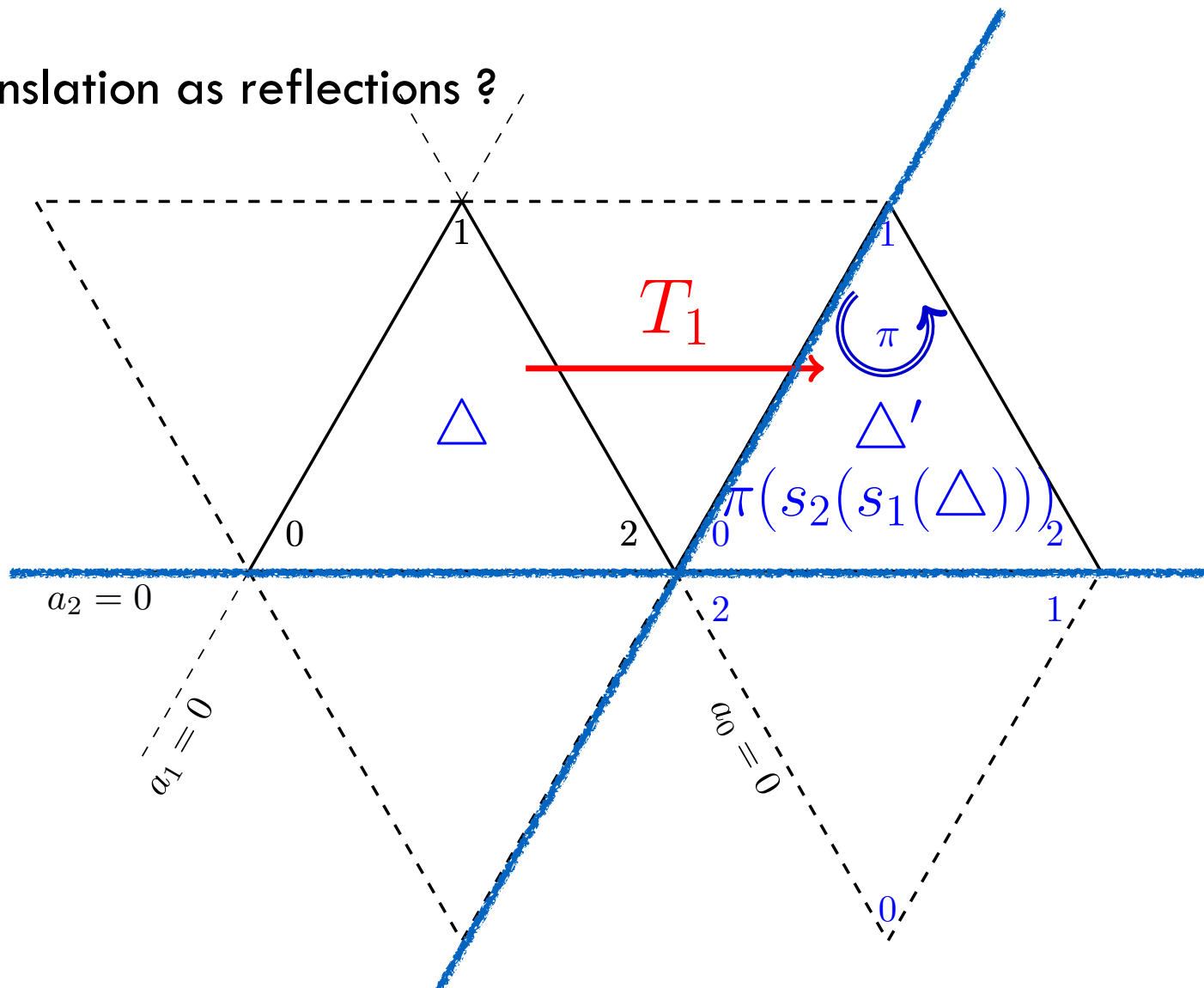
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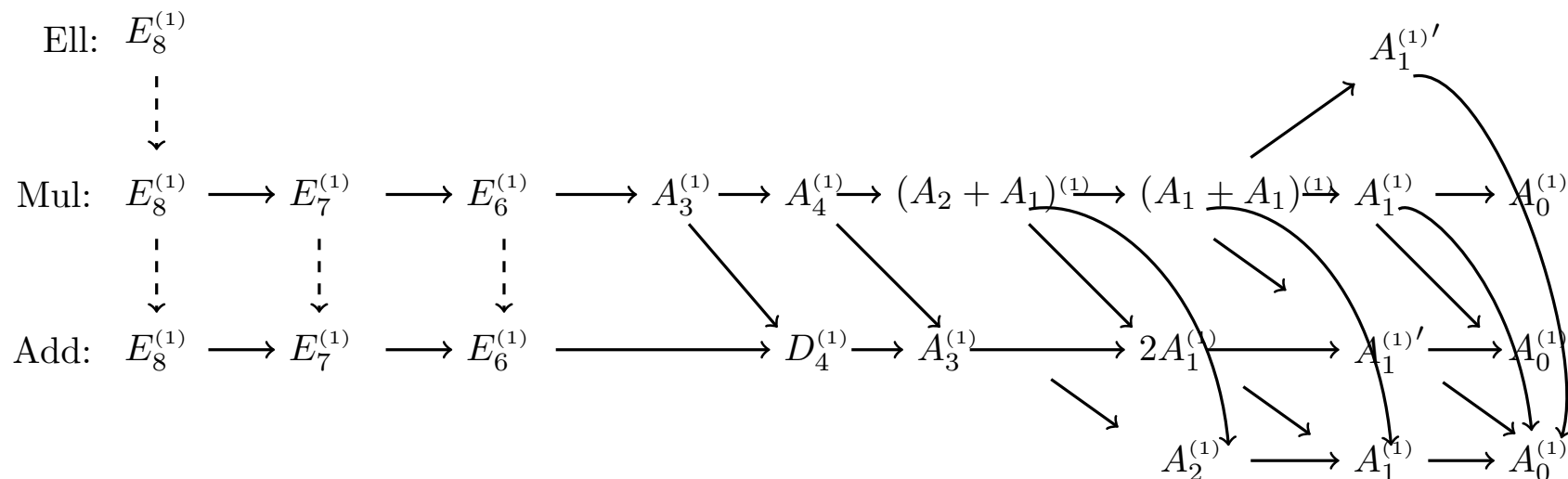
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Sakai (2001) described equations obtained by such translations on all lattices.

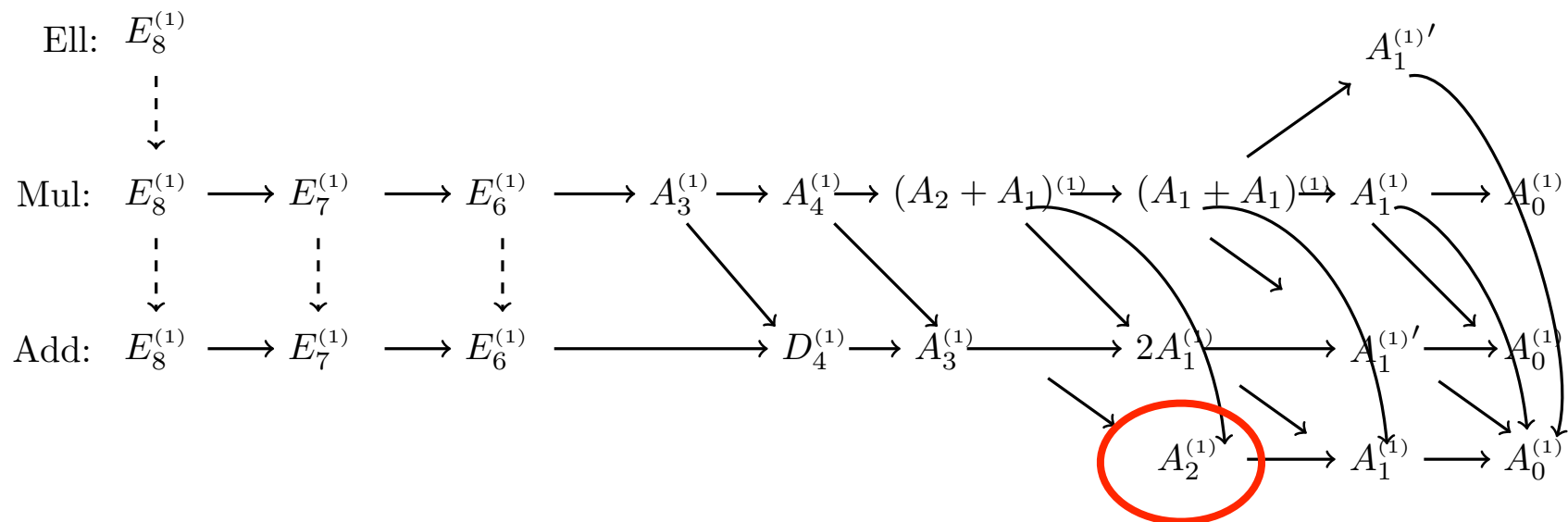
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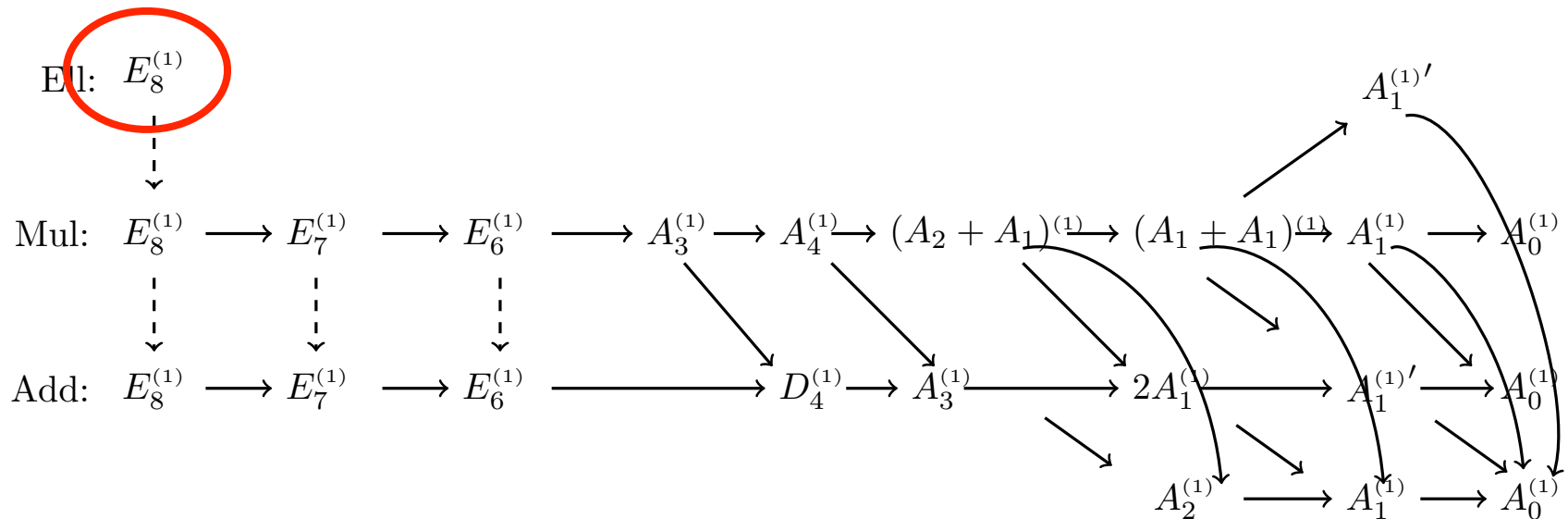
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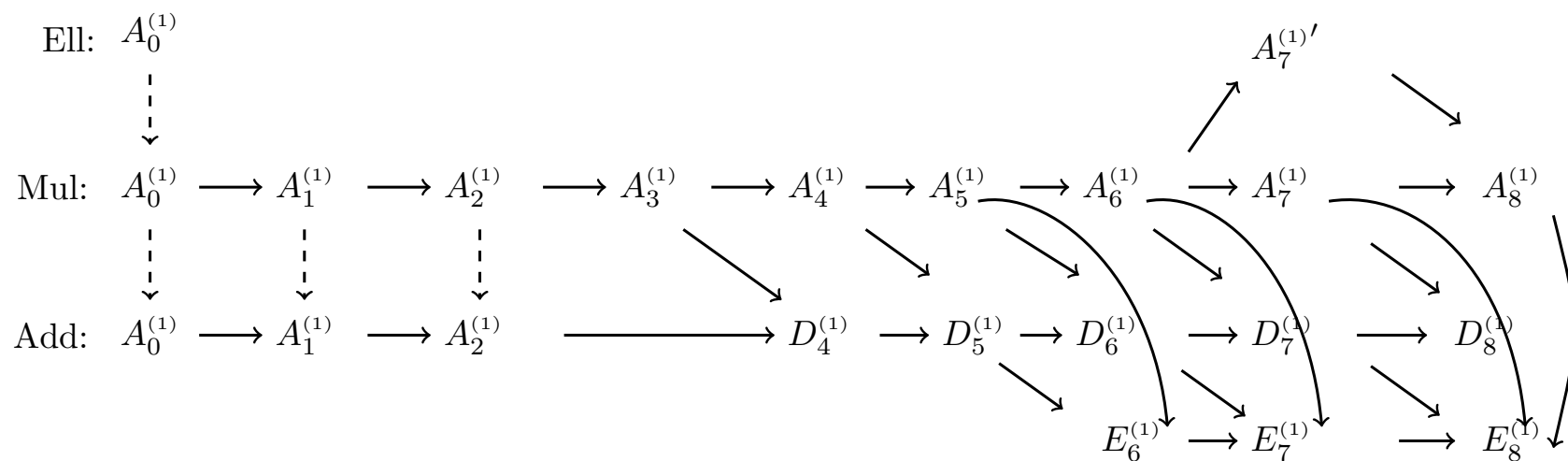
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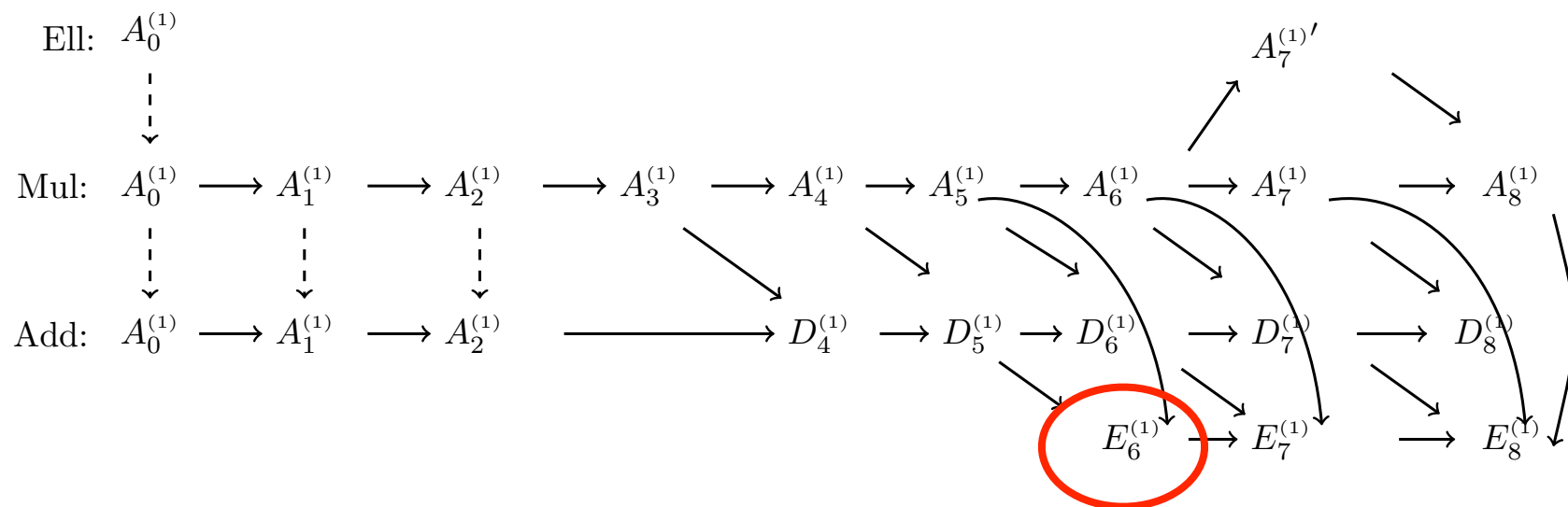
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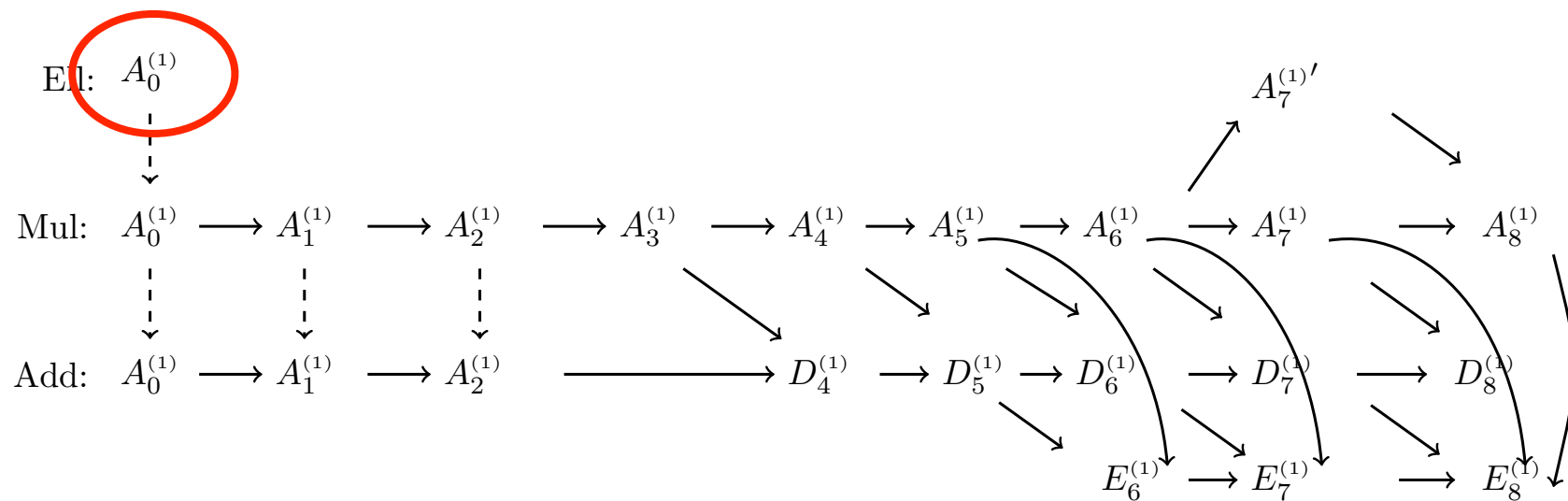
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The equation at the top of these diagrams is an elliptic-difference equation.

# Notation

$$w = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} z \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad w = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}$$

$$M(h, \kappa_1, \kappa_2, s) = M_0(h, \kappa_1, \kappa_2, s) M_1(h, \kappa_1, \kappa_2, s) M_2(h, \kappa_1, \kappa_2, s),$$

$$M_0(h, \kappa_1, \kappa_2, s) = \begin{pmatrix} -\wp\left(2s - \frac{(-\kappa_1 + \kappa_2)}{2}\right) & \wp\left(2s - \frac{(\kappa_1 - \kappa_2)}{2}\right) \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_1(h, \kappa_1, \kappa_2, s) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{diag}\left( (h - \wp(\kappa_2)) (\wp(2s) - \wp(2s - \kappa_2)) \right. \\ & \quad \times (\wp(2s - (\kappa_1 + \kappa_2)/2) - \wp(2s - (\kappa_1 - \kappa_2)/2)), \\ & \quad (h - \wp(\kappa_1)) (\wp(2s) - \wp(2s - \kappa_1)) \\ & \quad \times (\wp(2s - (\kappa_1 + \kappa_2)/2) - \wp(2s - (-\kappa_1 + \kappa_2)/2)) \left. \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$M_2(h, \kappa_1, \kappa_2, s) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\wp(2s - \kappa_1) \\ 1 & -\wp(2s - \kappa_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

# Sakai's elliptic difference equation

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{g} &= M \left( f, c_7, c_8, t - \sum_{i=1}^6 c_i/4 \right) M \left( f, c_5, c_6, t - \sum_{i=1}^4 c_i/4 \right) \\ &\quad \times M \left( f, c_3, c_4, t - \sum_{i=1}^2 c_i/4 \right) M(f, c_1, c_2, t) g \\ \underline{f} &= M \left( g, d_7, d_8, t - \sum_{i=1}^6 d_i/4 \right) M \left( g, d_5, d_6, t - \sum_{i=1}^4 d_i/4 \right) \\ &\quad \times M \left( g, d_3, d_4, t - \sum_{i=1}^2 d_i/4 \right) M(g, d_1, d_2, t) f\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\bar{g} = g(t + \lambda), \underline{f} = f(t - \lambda)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^8 b_i, c_i = b_i + t, d_i = t - b_i.$$

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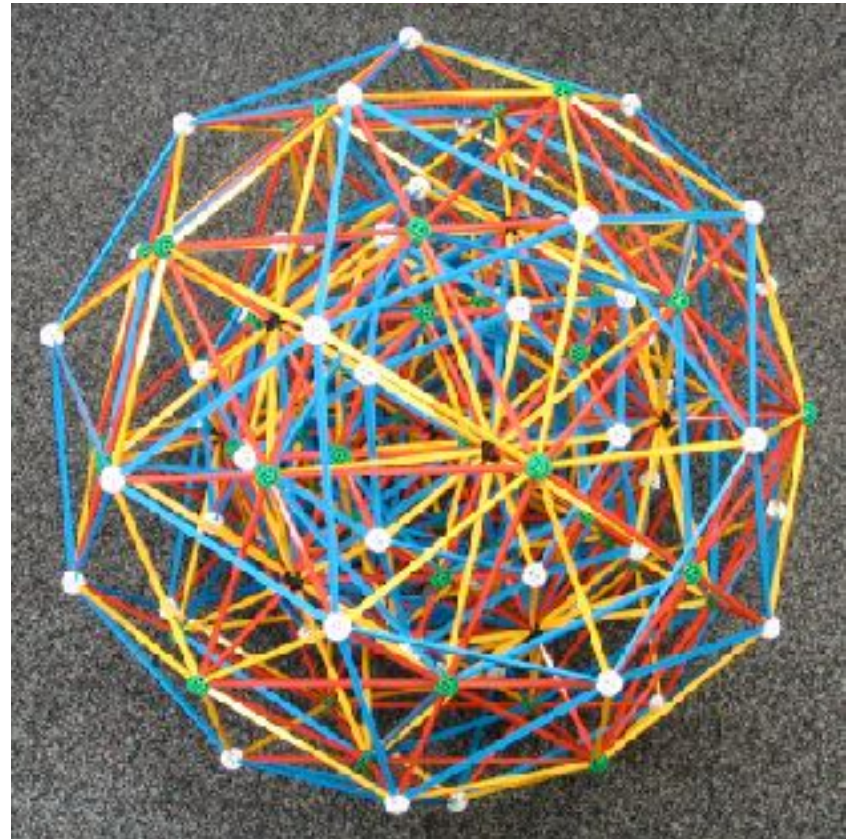
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- To answer this, we have to analyse translations in the  $E_8^{(1)}$  lattice.

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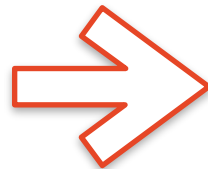
- ⇒ A root system containing 240 root vectors spanning 8 dimensions.
- ⇒ All root vectors have the same length  $\sqrt{2}$ .
- ⇒ The roots span a polytope, known as the  $4_{21}$  polytope.



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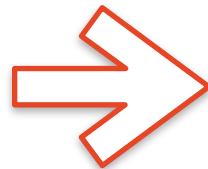
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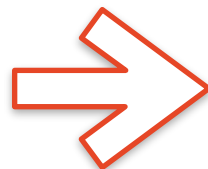
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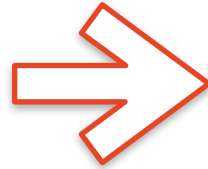
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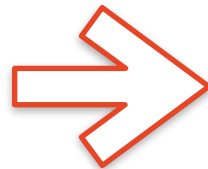
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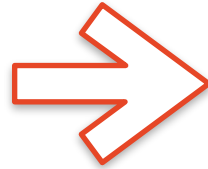


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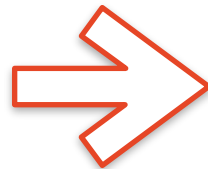
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where

$$z_n = (\gamma_e + \gamma_o)n + z_0, \quad \gamma_n = \begin{cases} \gamma_e, & \text{for } n = 2j \\ \gamma_o, & \text{for } n = 2j + 1. \end{cases}$$

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- 👁 The singularity structure of the RCG equation differs from that of its autonomous version.
- 👁 The “deautonomization” of the autonomous equation (keeping the same singularities) leads to a  $q$ -difference equation, not an  $ell$ -difference one.
- 👁 The initial value space of the autonomous equation is  $A_1^{(1)}$ , while that of the RCG equation is  $A_0^{(1)}$ .

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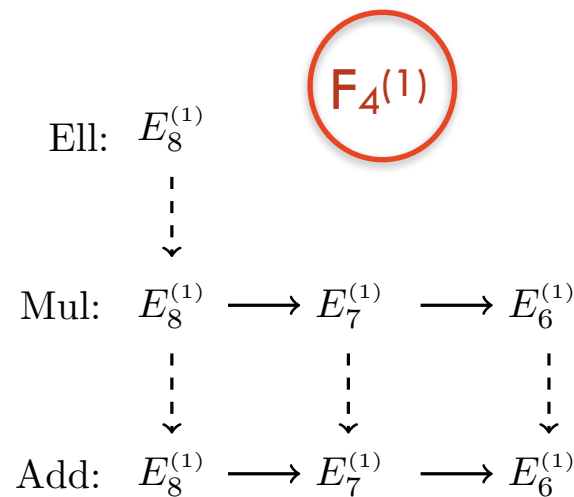
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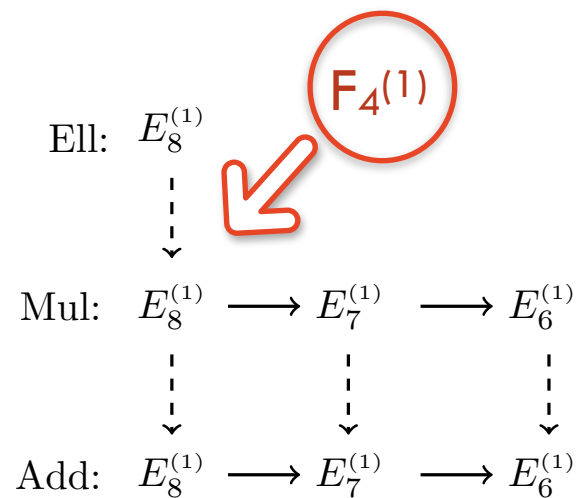
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# Geometry of RCG equation II

The RCG equation has 8 base points

$$p_1 : (x, y) = (\operatorname{cd}(\gamma_o + \kappa), \operatorname{cd}(z_0 - \gamma_e - \gamma_o + \kappa)),$$

$$p_2 : (x, y) = (\operatorname{cd}(\gamma_o + iK'), \operatorname{cd}(z_0 - \gamma_e - \gamma_o + iK')),$$

$$p_3 : (x, y) = (\operatorname{cd}(\gamma_o + 2K), \operatorname{cd}(z_0 - \gamma_e - \gamma_o + 2K)),$$

$$p_4 : (x, y) = (\operatorname{cd}(\gamma_o), \operatorname{cd}(z_0 - \gamma_e - \gamma_o)),$$

$$p_5 : (x, y) = (\operatorname{cd}(z_0 + \kappa), \operatorname{cd}(\gamma_e + \kappa)),$$

$$p_6 : (x, y) = (\operatorname{cd}(z_0 + iK'), \operatorname{cd}(\gamma_e + iK')),$$

$$p_7 : (x, y) = (\operatorname{cd}(z_0 + 2K), \operatorname{cd}(\gamma_e + 2K)),$$

$$p_8 : (x, y) = (\operatorname{cd}(z_0), \operatorname{cd}(\gamma_e)),$$

where  $K(k)$ ,  $K'(k)$  are complete elliptic integrals.

# Geometry of RCG equation III

The base points lie on elliptic curves:

$$\operatorname{sn}(z_0 - \gamma_e)^2(1 + k^2 x^2 y^2) + 2 \operatorname{cn}(z_0 - \gamma_e) \operatorname{dn}(z_0 - \gamma_e) xy - (x^2 + y^2) = 0$$

which is iterated by

$$\sim: z_0 \mapsto z_0 + 2(\gamma_e + \gamma_o)$$

# Generalization

Consider 8 base points

$$p_i : (x, y) = (\operatorname{cd}(c_i + \eta), \operatorname{cd}(\eta - c_i)), \quad i = 1, \dots, 8$$

which lie on the curve

$$\operatorname{sn}(2\eta)^2 (1 + k^2 x^2 y^2) + 2\operatorname{cn}(2\eta)\operatorname{dn}(2\eta)xy - (x^2 + y^2) = 0$$

iterated by

$$T_{J,1} : (c_i, c_{i+4}, \eta) \mapsto (c_i - \lambda, c_{i+4} + \lambda + 4\kappa, \eta + \lambda - 2\kappa), \quad i = 1, \dots, 4$$

with  $\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^8 c_i$  remaining invariant.

# A new elliptic difference equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left( \frac{k \operatorname{cd}(\eta - c_8 + \kappa) \bar{y} + 1}{k \operatorname{cd}(\eta - c_7 + \kappa) \bar{y} + 1} \right) \left( \frac{\tilde{x} - \operatorname{cd}(\eta - c_7 + \frac{c_{5678}}{2} + \lambda + \kappa)}{\tilde{x} - \operatorname{cd}(\eta - c_8 + \frac{c_{5678}}{2} + \lambda + \kappa)} \right) \\
 &= G_{\frac{c_{5678}-2c_5+\lambda}{2}, \frac{c_{5678}-2c_6+\lambda}{2}, \frac{c_{5678}-2c_7+\lambda}{2}, \frac{c_{5678}-2c_8+\lambda}{2}, \eta + \frac{\lambda}{2} + \kappa} \\
 & \quad \times \frac{P_{\frac{c_{5678}-2c_5+\lambda}{2}, \frac{c_{5678}-2c_6+\lambda}{2}, \frac{c_{5678}-2c_7+\lambda}{2}, \eta + \frac{\lambda}{2} + \kappa}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})}{P_{\frac{c_{5678}-2c_5+\lambda}{2}, \frac{c_{5678}-2c_6+\lambda}{2}, \frac{c_{5678}-2c_8+\lambda}{2}, \eta + \frac{\lambda}{2} + \kappa}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y})}, \\
 & \left( \frac{k \operatorname{cd}(\eta + c_4 + \kappa) \bar{x} + 1}{k \operatorname{cd}(\eta + c_3 + \kappa) \bar{x} + 1} \right) \left( \frac{k \operatorname{cd}(\eta - c_3 + 2\lambda + \kappa) \bar{y} + 1}{k \operatorname{cd}(\eta - c_4 + 2\lambda + \kappa) \bar{y} + 1} \right) \\
 &= G_{\eta - c_1 + \frac{c_{1234}}{4} + \lambda, \eta - c_2 + \frac{c_{1234}}{4} + \lambda, \eta - c_3 + \frac{c_{1234}}{4} + \lambda, \eta - c_4 + \frac{c_{1234}}{4} + \lambda, \frac{c_{5678} + 2\lambda}{4} + \kappa} \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

# Where

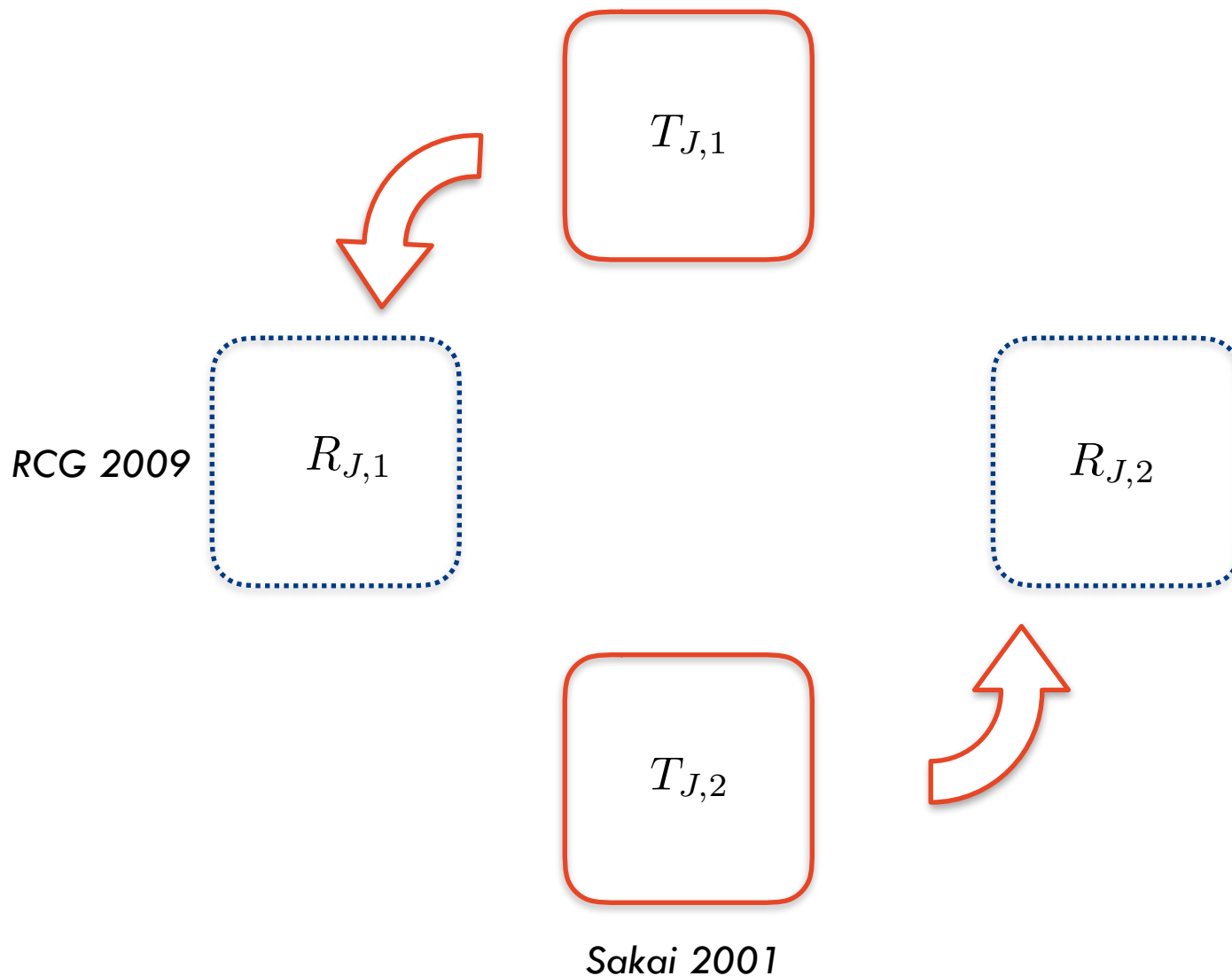
$\tilde{x} = R_{J,1}(x), \tilde{y} = R_{J,1}(y)$  are defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left( \frac{k \operatorname{cd} \left( \eta + c_8 - \frac{c_{5678}}{2} \right) \tilde{y} + 1}{k \operatorname{cd} \left( \eta + c_7 - \frac{c_{5678}}{2} \right) \tilde{y} + 1} \right) \left( \frac{x - \operatorname{cd} (\eta + c_7)}{x - \operatorname{cd} (\eta + c_8)} \right) = G_{c_5, c_6, c_7, c_8, \eta} \frac{P_{c_5, c_6, c_7, \eta} (x, y)}{P_{c_5, c_6, c_8, \eta} (x, y)}, \\
 & \left( \frac{k \operatorname{cd} \left( \eta - c_4 + \frac{c_{1234}}{2} \right) \tilde{x} + 1}{k \operatorname{cd} \left( \eta - c_3 + \frac{c_{1234}}{2} \right) \tilde{x} + 1} \right) \left( \frac{k \operatorname{cd} \left( \eta + c_3 + \frac{c_{5678}}{2} \right) \tilde{y} + 1}{k \operatorname{cd} \left( \eta + c_4 + \frac{c_{5678}}{2} \right) \tilde{y} + 1} \right) \\
 & = G_{\eta+c_1+\frac{c_{5678}}{4}, \eta+c_2+\frac{c_{5678}}{4}, \eta+c_3+\frac{c_{5678}}{4}, \eta+c_4+\frac{c_{5678}}{4}, \frac{c_{5678}}{4}} \\
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 G_{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, b} & = \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\operatorname{cd}(a_4 + \frac{a_1+a_2}{2})}{\operatorname{cd}(a_2 + \frac{a_1+a_2}{2})}}{1 - \frac{\operatorname{cd}(a_3 + \frac{a_1+a_2}{2})}{\operatorname{cd}(a_2 + \frac{a_1+a_2}{2})}} \right) \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\operatorname{cd}(b-a_4)}{\operatorname{cd}(b-a_1)}}{1 - \frac{\operatorname{cd}(b-a_3)}{\operatorname{cd}(b-a_1)}} \right) \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\operatorname{cd}(b+a_4 - \frac{a_1+a_2+a_3+a_4}{2})}{\operatorname{cd}(b+a_2 + \frac{a_1+a_2+a_3+a_4}{2})}}{1 - \frac{\operatorname{cd}(b+a_3 - \frac{a_1+a_2+a_3+a_4}{2})}{\operatorname{cd}(b+a_2 + \frac{a_1+a_2+a_3+a_4}{2})}} \right) \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\operatorname{cd}(a_3 + \frac{a_1+a_2}{2})}{\operatorname{cd}(2b+a_2 - \frac{a_1+a_2}{2})}}{1 - \frac{\operatorname{cd}(a_4 + \frac{a_1+a_2}{2})}{\operatorname{cd}(2b+a_2 - \frac{a_1+a_2}{2})}} \right), \\
 Q_{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, b} (X) & = \left( \operatorname{cd} \left( b + a_3 - \frac{a_5}{2} \right) - \operatorname{cd} \left( b + a_2 + \frac{a_5}{2} \right) \right) \left( \operatorname{cd} \left( b + a_1 + \frac{a_5}{2} \right) - \operatorname{cd} \left( b + a_4 + \frac{a_5}{2} \right) \right) \\
 & \quad \times \left( \operatorname{cd} (b + a_4) \operatorname{cd} (b + a_1) + \operatorname{cd} (b + a_2) X \right) + \left( \operatorname{cd} \left( b + a_3 - \frac{a_5}{2} \right) - \operatorname{cd} \left( b + a_1 + \frac{a_5}{2} \right) \right) \\
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 & \quad - \left( \operatorname{cd} \left( b + a_3 - \frac{a_5}{2} \right) - \operatorname{cd} \left( b + a_4 + \frac{a_5}{2} \right) \right) \left( \operatorname{cd} \left( b + a_1 + \frac{a_5}{2} \right) - \operatorname{cd} \left( b + a_2 + \frac{a_5}{2} \right) \right) \\
 & \quad \times \left( \operatorname{cd} (b + a_1) \operatorname{cd} (b + a_2) + \operatorname{cd} (b + a_4) X \right), \\
 P_{a_1, a_2, a_3, b} (X, Y) & = C_1 XY + C_2 X + C_3 Y + C_4,
 \end{aligned}$$

The RCG equation is a *projective reduction* of the new elliptic difference equation.

$$T_{J,1} = R_{J,1}^2$$

# At least four elliptic-difference equations



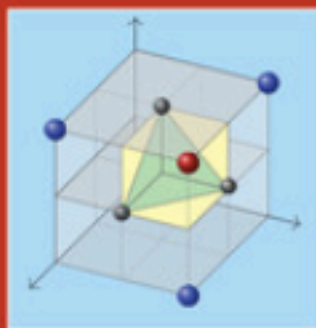
# Summary

- ⇒ **Four** elliptic-difference Painlevé equations are now known.
- ⇒ **Two** of these are “projective reductions” of the remaining equations.
- ⇒ We showed that at least 1 has a symmetry group given by  $F_4^{(1)}$  - the first non-simply laced group appearing in the classification.
- ⇒ Many questions remain open: (i) properties of these new equations, (ii) the question of completeness, (iii) other reductions of  $Q_4$ ...

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